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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

It was a great convention; it was a representative convention—the assemblage of Republicans in the old Court House in Georgetown on Thursday. Without any reflection upon the men who met in Dover Thursday or upon their Republicanism, for it is the earnest hope of every true Republican that before the November election there shall be but one organization and one ticket in this State, certainly the Georgetown Convention was representative of the Republicanism of Delaware whether judged by the principles of local government that controlled it, the voice of the great national party of the country which endorsed it, the representative men of the party whether considered from their past services or their present attitude of devotion to principles and not men. It was a convention that stands to win not only success but the respect of all good citizens. There is no doubt in the mind of the writer that just as earnest Republicans were in the Dover convention, men personally clean, but their desire to win, to embrace the opportunity to redeem the State, has blinded them to the treachery of their leader and dictator who in all things stands for self and for self alone. This is the only difference that separates many good Republicans. But in the Dover Convention Mr. Addicks has a following who are as cold-blooded in their plans to elevate only Addicks and to flatter him that thirst may follow fawning as was Benedict Arnold in his efforts to betray his country because of his selfish ambition. Many men are prejudiced because of the basest misrepresentations. How long these Republicans will remain under the shadow and blight of Addicksism which can never win though it may defeat remains to be seen.

The resolutions adopted by the convention are clear and clear cut. In National and State affairs they invite the most earnest and thoughtful consideration of the tax paying and labor producing citizens of the State irrespective of party. Local reforms are therein demanded which should have the endorsement of every good citizen. This is an opportunity for reform and the people should demand it.

There were on the special train on which the delegates went to Georgetown a number of the Addicks lieutenants and there were at the Sussex county seat more of them, all busy at work to get the endorsement of the convention for the nominees of the Dover Convention. They boasted that they had already captured the convention but their boasts and work were against the efforts of true Republicans who are opposed to the man who boasts that he will dominate the party or sink it twenty years in defeat, and who yet think that the long-standing of the Republicanism of these men but that they thought more of their party which in their judgment could not approve nominations which had been accepted at the dictation of Mr. Addicks. It was not that the majority of the convention thought less of the Republicanism of these men but that they thought more of their party which in their judgment could not approve nominations which had been accepted at the dictation of Mr. Addicks. That was the rub. It is a source of regret to many Republicans to turn down John Henry Hoffecker whose character stands at the pinnacle and whose Republicanism is undoubtedly, but in the opinion of some of the closest of Mr. Hoffecker's friends he made a mistake, fatal to his general acceptability at this time, when he accepted the nomination from the Dover Convention which had passed the insulting resolutions, dictated by Mr. Addicks, written by his hired man Roberts and presented by Dr. Layton, resolutions which appear elsewhere. Perhaps Levi C. Bird, Esq., voiced the sentiment of many of the warmest and closest personal and political friends of Mr. Hoffecker in his nomination of John C. Higgins. He said:

"We come as Republicans, not as worshipers of men. I had thought I was too old to come to conventions, but my friends said I had a duty here, and so I am here. No man ever stood closer to John H. Hoffecker than I have. He knows this. And when he put on the shield of Addicksism then the relation ends. The ways have parted. I could not go with him. I feel sorry for him, but he did himself. I had rather a thousand times seen the Democratic party successful than J. Edward Addicks. There is no uncertain way about that. I know Hoffecker is a Republican. He is a straightforward man, but he is stamped with Addicks. It is a sad parting, but it will not be for long. They will soon come back. They cannot help it. Col. DuPont, Mr. Higgins and a few others at St. Louis saved our little state from everlasting disgrace. Addicks can come here, but he cannot buy us. Back of all are the principles of Grant, of Lincoln."

If nothing else stood in the way the resolutions of the Addicks Party, printed elsewhere, foretold the endorsement of Messrs. Hoffecker and Willis; they could not receive the large independent vote of New Castle county without which no Republican can be elected. It is not the voice of the politician, nor of a faction, but of the people of the party. It was said in Middletown on Thursday that unless Mr. Hoffecker was endorsed at Georgetown that he would not accept the Dover nomination. It is believed that he will decline and that he will increase the number of his friends by so doing. If so then it will be easy for the committee of the Dover Convention to endorse Mr. Higgins who before the St. Louis Convention was the choice of the Addicks people from Brandywine to Bal-

timore to produce peace and harmony in the party and to win victory. Both Mr. Hoffecker and Mr. Higgins are too good men and too good Republicans to be defeated. We believe that either would make any personal sacrifice for the success of the party if there is no compromise of principle in the doing it. This is a time for patriotic Republicans to think. Stop and consider.

In the part of the day Congress man Willis had as many friends apparently as had Mr. Hoffecker who urged his fitness, the ability he has shown as a representative, and the custom of a second term. With the purpose of endorsing him, he was called before the Sussex county caucus and was questioned concerning his attitude on the seating of Col. duPont as a senator from this State. Mr. Richards who put Mr. Houston in nomination told the convention of that interview. He said:

"Many of the Sussex Republicans have the kindest feelings for the gentleman who is now a member of Congress. He was invited to the Sussex caucus. He was asked his position in the recent contest at Washington, and he said his position had been one of total indifference. If it came up again he would act the same. With this answer was heard the tinkling of the Addicks bell and the Republicans of Sussex determined to present a candidate of their own."

This settled Mr. Willis claims to consideration by that convention for there can be but one opinion among Republicans upon that matter. He had voted with the Addicks Party on Saturday when many of his friends could condone, but they could not endorse for their congressional nominee a man whose attitude was one of "total indifference" to the seating of Col. duPont who received the vote of every Republican Senator for his admission. Mr. Willis is an able man, a man of the knowledge of men, and he has chosen his own course. Many admirers of his ability and his Republicanism regret that choice.

The delegates who composed the Republican Convention were uncertain when they assembled as to the wisest course to pursue along lines that needed the most deliberate council and the most discriminating judgment. They went into the convention with out a slate and without candidates, principles not men was, never more fully exemplified by an assemblage of representative men, and the outcome was most happy and satisfactory. The temper, the spirit, the deliberation of that convention should commend it to not only every man who calls himself a Republican but to every citizen. Of the candidates more will be said in the future.

FOR SILVER.

There have been numerous converts to free silver coinage within the past week and "the cry is, still they come" says one of the most enthusiastic of the recently changed of opinion as he faced about upon the Chicago platform preparatory to marching with his party. There were some who accepted the free coinage doctrine, 16 to 1, just before the convention, and a few who have been advocates for some time, and they look with "delight to see the recruits getting into line. It is the popularfad in this section of the country now, and the TRANSCRIPT had this week a most flattering offer to consider the advocacy of the white metal. "Go in as a Teller Republican, for Protection and Free Silver, a combination that must finally sweep this country," said a prominent St. Georges hundred Democrat, "and we will boycott the old crank around the corner as we Silver people propose to do," he added, "unless he finds out where he stands on this question."

This is part jest and part earnest. A Democrat in other States may leave his party but not in Delaware, not often, and many are accepting the party declarations from force of circumstances, but not a few have been in sympathy with John F. Saulsbury all along, and in the councils of his party. Mr. Saulsbury is at the front to-day. To be sure after that dinner with Whitney he kept straight with his delegation for a time at Chicago, voting for his old friend Hill for chairman, but he broke loose at last and was the first man to vote for Bryan. He has lots of friends who desire to get into that leading band wagon and they are climbing in. The next Democratic State Convention will not be for sound money. Senator Gray cannot hold the party away from the popular sentiment in the party and Barney Saulsbury naturally becomes the leader. It is reasonable that he should. Mr. Ambassador Bayard cannot stem the flood and he need not try.

There are a few Silver Republicans in this State, especially in and around Milford. One of the best informed of them was in town this week and surprised his friends by his declaration that he will vote for Bryan and Free Silver. He thinks there are a hundred Republicans like him in Delaware, but from reports there are ten Democrats who will forsake Bryan in the State for every Republican who goes to him provided Republicans present a united ticket that shall win. They are especially numerous in Wilmington, and many of the most conservative men in the Democratic Party to-day, life-long party men, all over the State are debating the reputation of the work of the Chicago Convention. They have plenty of time and can afford to wait, but before all over the country were never so numerous as they are to-day. And it is mostly because of silver that they are turning from the "Boy Orator of the Platt" to Major McKinley. The political situation is very uncertain, however.

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NOT A PAPER LEFT THEM.

"Can you recommend to me a Democratic daily paper which stands by the Chicago platform and nominees?" inquired a Democratic friend, on Monday, who says "I take my democracy straight and always stand by the ticket." We could not suggest a single paper which could be delivered in Middletown the day of publication which approves of the free silver candidate or platform. This is remarkable and the repudiation of the work of the Convention is not confined to the east but it runs south and west. It is more remarkable though that with all these papers against the endorsement of the Populist sentiment and with the old time leaders of the party against it that it should have succeeded in capturing that organization. A gentleman who attended the Convention, a delegate in fact, who has been in Middletown this week, says of the nominee "the speech made by Bryan caught the delegates and there was no resistance to the popular wave." He says that "Webster, and Clay, and Patrick Henry were not in it along with Bryan in eloquence." He thinks "if the free silver candidate comes to Delaware this campaign that he will walk off with the whole State." Mr. Bryan proposes to make his a speaking campaign but whether he can combat the cold logic of the entire Democratic press of the country is a question with many who accept him as their standard bearer. We do not believe that he can do it. Here is the list of Democratic and Independent Democratic papers which have bolted the party platform and candidates in five days:

STATE. CITY. PAPER.

New York.... New York, Sun
".... Evelyn Sun,
".... Herald,
".... Times,
".... Staats-Zeitung,
".... Post,
".... Evening World,
".... Irish-American,
".... Harper's Weekly
Utah.... Observer,
".... Standard,
".... Miner's Gazette,
".... Syracuse Courier, Herald
".... Buffalo Courier,
".... Inquirer,
".... Troy Times,
".... Hornellsville vs. Tribune,
".... Cohoes, Evg. Dispatch,
Pennsylvania.... Philadelphia Record,
".... Record,
".... Times,
".... Ledger,
".... Pittsburg Press,
".... Easton Express,
".... Allentown Item,
Massachusetts.... Boston, Standard,
".... Post,
".... Springfield Republican,
".... Saltonstall News,
".... Lowell Journal,
".... Pittsburgh Mail,
".... Holyoke Free Press
Connecticut.... New Haven Register, News
".... Hartford Times,
".... New Britain Telegram,
".... New Britain Herald,
".... Meriden Journal,
".... Bridgeport Farmer,
New Jersey.... Trenton Times,
".... Elizabeth Journal,
".... Jersey City News,
".... True American
".... Newark Sunday Call,
".... Hoboken Observer,
Rhode Island.... Providence Telegram,
".... Manchester Union,
Maryland.... Baltimore Sun, News
".... Richmond Times, State
".... Alexandria Times
".... Staunton Times,
South Carolina.... Charleston News & Courier
".... Chicago Chronicle,
".... Greenville Herald,
".... Abend Post,
Texas.... Galveston News
".... Dallas Morning News
".... Fort Worth Star-News
Kentucky.... Louisville Courier-Journal
".... Post,
".... Times,
".... Anzeiger,
Georgia.... Atlanta Journal,
".... Savannah Morning News
".... Columbus Eve. Dispatch
Delaware.... St. Paul Times,
Michigan.... Detroit Free Press,
Dist. of Columbia.... Washington Times, Post
Indiana.... Indianapolis News
Tennessee.... Chattanooga Times
".... Nashville Banner,
".... Memphis, Scimere
Alabama.... Montgomery Advertiser,
".... Mobile Register,
Louisiana.... Baton Rouge Reformer,
".... New Orleans Times
Vermont.... Bennington Reformer,
West Virginia.... Charleston Times
Iowa.... Davenport Democrat
Florida.... Key West Equator,
Maine.... Lewiston Sun
".... Machias Union
Wisconsin.... La Crosse Chronicle
South Dakota.... Sioux Falls Argus-Leader
Missouri.... St. Louis Anzeiger
Ohio.... Dayton Times

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Miss Elma is visiting friends at Felton. Klawe Medicine Co., are encamped here. Miss Estella Smith, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Hart.

A. J. Hart, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his brother Edward Hart.

Mrs. Howard Townsend, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. Samuel Townsend.

The Junior Ewbank League held its picnic on Tuesday afternoon at Harmon's Pond.

Rev. Albert Chandler returned home from Mountain Lake Camp meeting on Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Letherbury and Jennie Jones of Middletown, are guests of Mrs. George Pinder.

Rev. Daniel Campbell and wife of Tuckahoe, N. J. are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Naudain.

Mr. Gardner Shockley and her little folks, of Worton, Md., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Daniels.

Mrs. J. F. Easett, of Sassafras, and Mrs. D. D. Mitchell, of Woodbury, N. J., were the guests of Mrs. J. S. Latton on Thursday.

Mr. Frank Householder and son have returned from a visit to Mrs. Barnett, near St. Georges.

On Monday evening the brass band presented one of their members, who has lately taken unto himself a wife. The bride is Miss Essie, the eldest daughter of Samuel Watts.

Several of our citizens joined the party on Wednesday, who were searching for Miss Lillie Lorah, the missing lady of near Delaney's church. The search has proved unsuccessful thus far.

J. M. Rothwell, P. S. Daniels, and E. N. Moore went as delegates to the Republican state convention held at Georgetown on Thursday. Dr. T. A. Eno, B. G. Locker, man, D. P. Hutchinson and Winfield Latto were present as visitors.

OLD SUSSEX.

John W. Hall, of Frederica, has purchased the three masted schooner "Joel Cook" of Philip Fitzpatrick for \$12,500. If that can be a fastened to be a ten der to them.

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FAIR PORTIA SPEAKS.

Seeing the Editor's kind invitation to accept any contribution from the Middletown fraction of Eve's Daughters; I take the opportunity to ask, if the charge made against us of lounging in the morning, napping the afternoon away and spending the evening on our own or some one else's front porch (gossiping understood) be true, what Adam's fraction of this community do? or, with your kind permission I will tell you some of the things they do not do.

Let me offer as my first suggestion that it would be one step toward improvement if the dear men would keep to their porches or other people's, instead of lining the curb, blocking the corners, and gilding themselves like so many sign boards in front of the Main Street shops; and they do not the time thereby saved in researches on the much talked of and little understood topics of the day, such as silver coinage, gold standard, bimetallism etc.

Next let them study the woman question in this way, replace their kind (?) remarks by spending an hour or more, if necessary, before their mirrors—oh yes they all have them—practicing the art of modern salutation in which as in the former subjects they are sadly lacking.

"Practice makes perfect," and when those who need this bit of friendly advice can apply the last word of the time worn adage, that fair Portia's of our little town will delight in placing a crown of laurels on the heads of those who have taken off their hats as become gentlemen. I am Yours very sincerely,
GAD-ABOUT LOUNGER AND NAPPER.

ANOTHER WOMAN HAS HER SAY.

EDITOR OF THE TRANSCRIPT—Miss Minerva's suggestion to ask your lady readers to contribute something for columns of the TRANSCRIPT strikes me as a happy thought, and in response to her suggestion and your cordial invitation "take my pen in hand." But before I address myself to the ladies, I'd like to have a little word aside with you sir. One would think, from your little postscript in last week's paper, that the women here are an idle, lazy gossiping set which in simulation I as well as many others, heartily resent. And as for gossip, if I wanted to hear more in one half hour than I could remember in my life, I'd not go to the home where the ladies "lounge in the front room, sleep after dinner," and, if you lead us to infer, sit on the porch and talk after tea but I'd go where the woman, the wife, mother or sister makes the principal part of the living and the man, his husband, son or brother, spends his time loafing about the streets and the various places where men congregate for social pastime; the haunts where the scandals of the neighborhood are served up in revolting style, which "charming dish," the "head" of the house carries home to his family in lieu of the food and raiment he fails to provide; those are the homes where everybody's business is known and all the domestic affairs in the neighborhood are subject to view. There is much I might say along this line, but even the truth is not always pleasant and profligate, but you may depend on it I'll always stick up for my sex." Tho' we don't claim perfection, our short comings are not in kind and degree any worse than the men's if bad.

And now, after this aside, I've only room for a smile and a word to my sisters. We are to write to each other of the things that interest us most! Now say, what will that be? The fine art of cooking engages much of our thought, let us tell each other how to make nice things for our summer menu. I verily believe, that to the average woman the paper that furnishes her an occasional recipe for a culinary delicacy to please her husband's palate, is the paper that takes first rank with her, and it is always the paper the woman like that finds its way to the family circle.

A RECIPE FOR SPONGE CAKE.

Here is an excellent Sponge Cake quickly made these warm days. Beat the yolk of four eggs with two cups of sugar, juice and rind of a lemon, stir in gradually a scant teaspoon of boiling water, and lastly two cups of sifted flour in which two teaspoons of baking powder has been added, together with the well beaten whites of four eggs. Bake rather fast, and avoid opening the oven door the first fifteen minutes.

HAPPY HOUSEWIFE.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. F. T. Eagle was in town on Sunday. S. Hines Jr. was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mrs. Annie Chears visited Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Manning, of Trenton, spent Sunday at J. T. Clegg's.

The Presbyterian Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Opening service at the M. E. Church begins at 7:15.

Rev. George S. Gassner is entertaining Mr. Preston.

Mrs. Susie Moore visited relatives in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Mattie Janvier is the guest of Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. Margaret Janvier, of Wilmington, was in town this week.

Mrs. John Warren visited her mother Mrs. Masseys this week.

Mrs. Elsie Hicken has returned from a visit to Wilmington.

Joseph Warren, of Wilmington, was in town on Wednesday.

John Sailor is being entertained by his sister, Mrs. John Warren.

Barney Cahill, of Philadelphia, is visiting his sister, Mrs. L. Young.

Mrs. Sarah Janvier and J. W. Marly have gone out for the summer.

Mrs. and Mrs. Snowell, of Chester, Pa., were guests of their parents on Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Price, of Wilmington, and her nieces spent Sunday with her brother.

Mr. Emil Aliman, of New Haven, Conn., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Beck.

Mr. Frank Householder and son have returned from a visit to Mrs. Barnett, near St. Georges.

Mrs. H. C. Johannes is the fortunate possessor of a nice blooming cactus, which bloomed on Wednesday evening.

The blossom is an exquisite pure white flower, measuring a little over 8 inches across.

Mrs. Thomas Turner died on Monday in her 90th year. She was born in Heckington Parish, Lincolnshire County, England, and married Mr. Newbound, of same parish. They came to America with their three children in 1845, and settled in Delaware City, 8 years after the death of Newbound, his widow married Thomas Turner, who was an old friend from Lincolnshire County, coming to America with his three children in 1845,

